AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish a homeless veterans initiative program within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall implement a homeless veterans initiative program. In implementing the program, the state shall attempt to coordinate with, provide assistance to, and seek assistance from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies for the purpose of establishing and administering a comprehensive, integrated, and coordinated program for homeless veterans. The purpose of the program is to:

- (1) Seek federal funding and grants to implement the program and to improve and expand current services for homeless veterans;
- (2) Emphasize training of county veterans service officers and tribal veterans service officers to seek out and identify homeless veterans and provide them with information, assistance, and proper referrals; and
- (3) Coordinate with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies in an ongoing needs assessment and evaluation of the program.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the	Received at this Executive Office this day of,
SENATE as Bill No. 66	20 at M.
Secretary of the Senate	By for the Governor
President of the Senate	The attached Act is hereby approved this day of, A.D., 20
Attest:	
Secretary of the Senate	Governor
	STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
Speaker of the House	Ss. Office of the Secretary of State
Attest:	Filed, 20 at o'clock M.
Chief Clerk	
	Secretary of State
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